

Emery County

FACTS

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Population

| As of July 1st | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Population | 10,477 | 10,493 | 10,491 | 10,438 | 10,461 |
| % Change of the Prior Year | -0.6% | 0.2% | 0.0% | -0.5% | 0.2% |

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee.

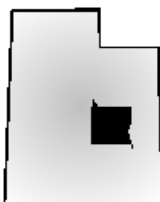
<http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

City Population

| As of July 1st | 2007 |
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| Castle Dale | 1,569 |
| Clawson | 168 |
| Cleveland | 494 |
| Elmo | 362 |
| Emery | 293 |
| Ferron | 1,527 |
| Green River | 921 |
| Huntington | 2,004 |
| Orangeville | 1,303 |
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>



Labor Force

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Labor Force | 4,910 | 5,117 | 5,089 | 5,251 | 5,424 |
| Employed | 4,508 | 4,768 | 4,828 | 5,068 | 5,242 |
| Unemployed | 402 | 349 | 261 | 182 | 182 |
| Rate | 8.2% | 6.8% | 5.1% | 3.5% | 3.4% |
| Nonfarm Jobs | 3,498 | 3,739 | 3,801 | 3,937 | 3,908 |
| %Chng Prior Year | 1.5% | 6.9% | 1.7% | 3.6% | -0.7% |
| Mining | 648 | 701 | 826 | 853 | 788 |
| Construction | 337 | 314 | 266 | 338 | 365 |
| Manufacturing | 35 | 29 | 22 | 17 | 19 |
| Trade/Trans/Utilities | 902 | 1,009 | 1,048 | 1,044 | 992 |
| Information | 154 | 152 | 139 | 132 | 138 |
| Financial Activities | 55 | 60 | 56 | 58 | 59 |
| Profess/Business Svcs | 90 | 87 | 83 | 141 | 181 |
| Ed/Health/Social Svcs | 87 | 65 | 58 | 58 | 67 |
| Leisure/Hospitality | 169 | 281 | 284 | 278 | 270 |
| Other Services | 165 | 152 | 157 | 155 | 164 |
| Government | 858 | 890 | 860 | 862 | 865 |
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| Total Establishments | 255 | 271 | 273 | 273 | 263 |
| Total Wages (\$Millions) | 118.8 | 129.3 | 140.8 | 156.0 | 155.1 |

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

The mainstays of Emery County's economy are mining, transportation, communications, utilities, and government. In agriculture, livestock ranching remains important as well. An emerging part of Emery County's economy is recreation and tourism.

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Emery County's economy struggled to find traction in 2007. A slowdown in coal mining activity spawned by the Crandall Canyon Mine disaster pushed employment in the county down 0.7 percent in the year. On the flip side, population ticked up slightly and unemployment fell slightly. The county's economy remains intimately tied to its mining and utilities industries, which leave it susceptible to swoons such as it faced in 2007.

People and Housing

One of the important social indicators for a rural county, like Emery County, is that of population. The number of people living in the county increased 0.2 percent from 2006, or a gain of 23 people.

Unfortunately, 2007 also marked the eleventh straight year of net out-migration from the county, with a net of 86 individuals leaving in the year. While this trend is not unusual for a rural area it is painful nonetheless. A small population simply doesn't have the economic mass to independently shape much of its environment.

An important economic measure closely associated with people is housing. In 2007, the number of new permits for homes—dwelling units, in housing lingo—was down slightly from the previous year (from 43 in 2006 to 40 in 2007). Even though the number of housing permits declined, the value of those permits rose sharply over the year. This suggests that either new home prices are increasing, or the mix of homes being built is changing.

The Labor Market

After several years of relatively stable job growth, Emery County suffered a subtle

setback in 2007. Employment in the county declined by 0.7 percent—a loss of 29 jobs—compared with the previous year. This decline in employment made Emery County the second worst performing labor market in the state for 2007.

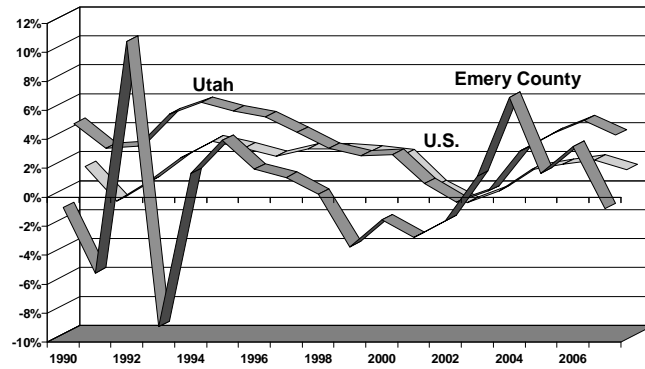
The main reason for the county's decline in employment in 2007 was a sharp falloff in coal mining activity. Mining (-65) and trade, transportation, and utilities (-53) are the two major drivers of the county's economy and they both slumped in 2007. Even solid gains in professional and business services (+39) and construction (+27) weren't able to improve the county's job situation.

Even with job losses, the county posted a slightly lower unemployment rate in 2007 than in 2006. At 3.4 percent in 2007, unemployment remains at the lowest levels seen in decades. Nevertheless, the county had the seventh highest unemployment rate in the state in 2007.

A Word on Wages

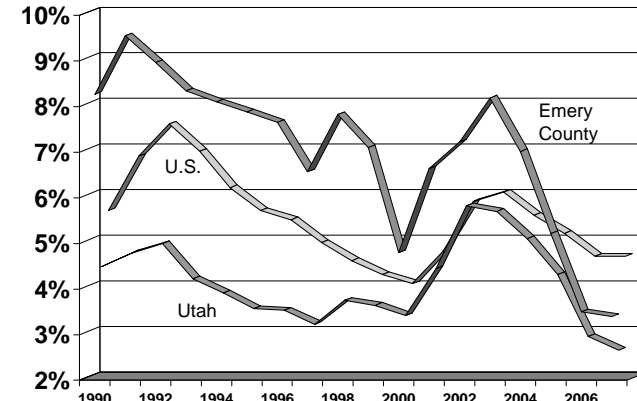
Another important indicator of Emery County's economic health is the performance of the county's average monthly wage. Real—inflation adjusted—average monthly wages in the county fell 2.5 percent in 2007. This is largely in-line with the long-term trend, which shows that the county's real wages have remained largely stagnant. Compared with 1997, real wages in the county have actually decreased 1.8 percent. Any movements in the county's wages appear to reflect the fortunes of the county's dominate mining industry. Certainly this lack of improvement in the real buying power of local residents is disconcerting.

Emery County Nonfarm Jobs



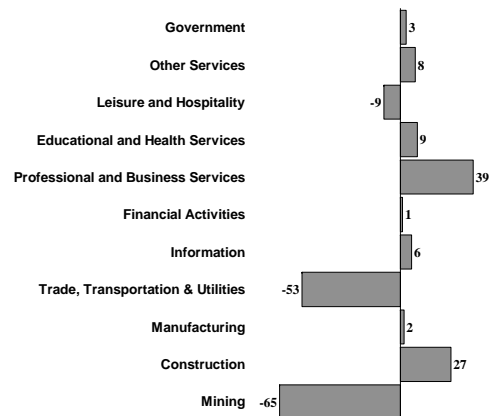
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Annual Unemployment Rates



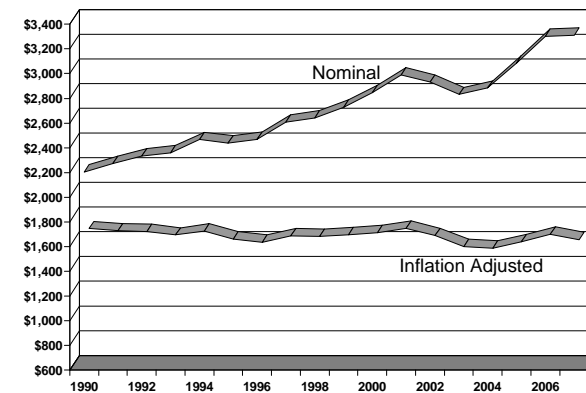
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2007 Emery County Numeric Change in Jobs by Industry



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Emery County Average Monthly Wage



Note: Inflation adjusted wages reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, 1982-84=100
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Income and Wages

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Personal Income (\$Millions) | 208.0 | 219.3 | 233.7 | 253.1 | 265.3 |
| Per Capita Income | 19,774 | 21,101 | 22,555 | 24,559 | 25,361 |
| Avg Household Income from IRS Returns | 40,656 | 41,781 | 46,461 | 77,336 | n.a. |
| Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage | 2,831 | 2,883 | 3,084 | 3,302 | 3,307 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Utah State Tax Commission, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income/>

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Sales and Building

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s) | 104,310 | 128,438 | 138,623 | 182,236 | 167,446 |
| Permit Authorized Construction (\$000) | 4,832 | 6,153 | 9,352 | 13,544 | 11,806 |
| New Residential Building Permits | 36 | 28 | 29 | 43 | 40 |
| Residential Build Permits Value (\$000) | 2,769 | 2,854 | 3,666 | 5,268 | 6,147 |

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income>

<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

Demographics

| | 2000 |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Under 18 | 35.4% |
| 65 years and over | 10.1% |
| Median Age | 30.1 |
| Persons per Household | 3.10 |
| Persons per Family | 3.53 |
| Female-Headed Families | 7.2% |
| High School Graduates | 84.2% |
| College Graduates | 11.6% |
| Labor Force | |
| Female Participation | 50.9% |
| Male Participation | 71.8% |
| Self-Employed | 7.3% |
| Commute Time (minutes) | 21 |
| Median Family Income | \$44,086 |
| Median Earnings | |
| Male, full-time, year-rnd | \$39,059 |
| Female, full-time, yr-rnd | \$18,929 |
| Persons Below Poverty | 11.5% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Largest Employers

Emery County School District
 Energy West
 Nielson Construction
 Pacificcorp
 Consolidational Coal
 CW Mining
 Emery County
 Billings Distribution
 Emery County Nursing Home
 Genwal Resources
 Power Source Services
 State of Utah
 Ashworth Transfer
 Carbon Emery Telcom
 City of Green River
 Emery Telcom
 Emery Telecommunications Video

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

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Other

| Population by Race | 2000 |
|--------------------|-------|
| White | 95.6% |
| Black | 0.2% |
| American Indian | 0.7% |
| Asian | 0.3% |
| Pacific Islanders | 0.1% |
| Other | 3.1% |
| Hispanic/All Races | 5.2% |

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